

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**USE OF ANECORTAVE ACETATE FOR THE PROTECTION OF VISUAL ACUITY
IN PATIENTS WITH AGE RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION**

(Attorney Docket No. 2422 US) the specification of which (check one)

✓ is attached hereto.
_____ was filed by an authorized person on my behalf on _____, as
Application Serial No. _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application Serial No.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made

are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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